



Suncoast Combined Federal Campaign

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Today, Jim Chaplin, 2003 Suncoast Combined Federal Campaign (SCFC) announced that Federal Civilian and Post Office employees along with Military personnel in Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, and Polk Counties made history with total contributions of over \$1,400,000 to various charitable organizations. This is the largest amount of contributions in the 30 plus year history of the SCFC. The SCFC's extraordinarily successful year was due to the great generosity of the participants, which included federal employees of every position and rank.

Chaplin said, "This historic achievement is an outstanding accomplishment and I want to thank every member of the Federal Community for their contributions". All of the major components that make up the Federal Community exceeded their goals for the 2003 SCFC. The military organizations, especially the 6th Air Mobility Wing, Special Operations Command (SOCOM), United States Central Command (CENTCOM), the United States Postal Service (USPS), Federal Law Enforcement Agencies, District Court, and many other Federal Agencies were instrumental in achieving an historic amount of contributions in a time when charitable contributions have been decreasing.

Regina A. Martin-Tuthill, Chairperson of the Local Federal Coordinating Committee (LFCC) for the Suncoast Combined Federal Campaign attributed the success not only to the agency representatives and volunteers, but ultimately to individual generosity. "It is encouraging," Ms. Martin-Tuthill said, "that we did not need another 9-11 for people to work so hard together to recognize the needs of their fellow man."

The theme of the 2003 Suncoast Federal Combined Federal Campaign was "What Makes America Great". Mr. Chaplin said, "The freedom that we enjoy is a great hallmark of America and Federal employees and Military personnel are a major component in making and keeping America great. I am extremely proud of the Federal Community for their generous contributions to many charitable organizations in our seven county community".

A lot of people will benefit because of the contributions made during the 2003 Suncoast Combined Federal Campaign. The record-setting \$1.4 million is distributed to hundreds of approved charities as directed by the donors. Established in 1961, the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) is the only authorized annual fund raising drive conducted by Federal Employees. Each year federal employees

nationwide contribute millions of dollars through the CFC, benefiting many non-profit charities.

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